

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the life and accomplishments of Charles Edward Taylor, the world's first airplane mechanic.

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Whereas, in 1902, Charles Edward Taylor began working as a machinist for Orville and Wilbur Wright at the Wright Cycle Company in Dayton Ohio. Within six weeks, using only a lathe and drill press, he built the first 4-cylinder, 12 horsepower piston engine, to be used to power the Wright Flyer;

Whereas, on the morning of December 17, 1903, at the base of the Kill Devil Hills in North Carolina, the Wright Brothers made aviation history by successfully flying the first powered airplane. This achievement would not have been possible were it not for Charles Edward Taylor, the man responsible for designing, building, and maintaining their engine;

Whereas, Charles Edward Taylor's ingenuity earned him a place in aviation history. After this historic event, he continued to design engines for the Wright Brothers and later taught them to build aircraft engines;



Whereas, in 1908, Charles Edward Taylor accompanied Orville Wright to Fort Meyer, Virginia for test flights by the United States government and in 1909, he accompanied Wilbur Wright to New York for the Judson-Fulton flights;

Whereas, Charles Edward Taylor served as lead mechanic for Calbraith (Cal) Rodgers, who made his first transcontinental flight in 1911; and

Whereas, Charles Edward Taylor had a successful career in aviation maintenance for more than 60 years and was honored by the Federal Aviation Administration with the establishment of the aviation maintenance experience: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the
2 life and memory of Charles Edward Taylor and expresses its
3 appreciation for the invaluable contributions he made to aviation
4 history.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
6 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Federal Aviation
7 Administration Flight Standards District Offices located in
8 Indianapolis and South Bend, Indiana.

